Higher Education

JOINT

LEGISLATIVE

AUDIT AND

REVIEW

COMMITTEE

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Environment

Facts About JLARC

JLARC provides legislative oversight of state funded programs and activities. As a joint, bipartisan committee, membership consists of eight senators and eight representatives equally divided between the two major political parties.
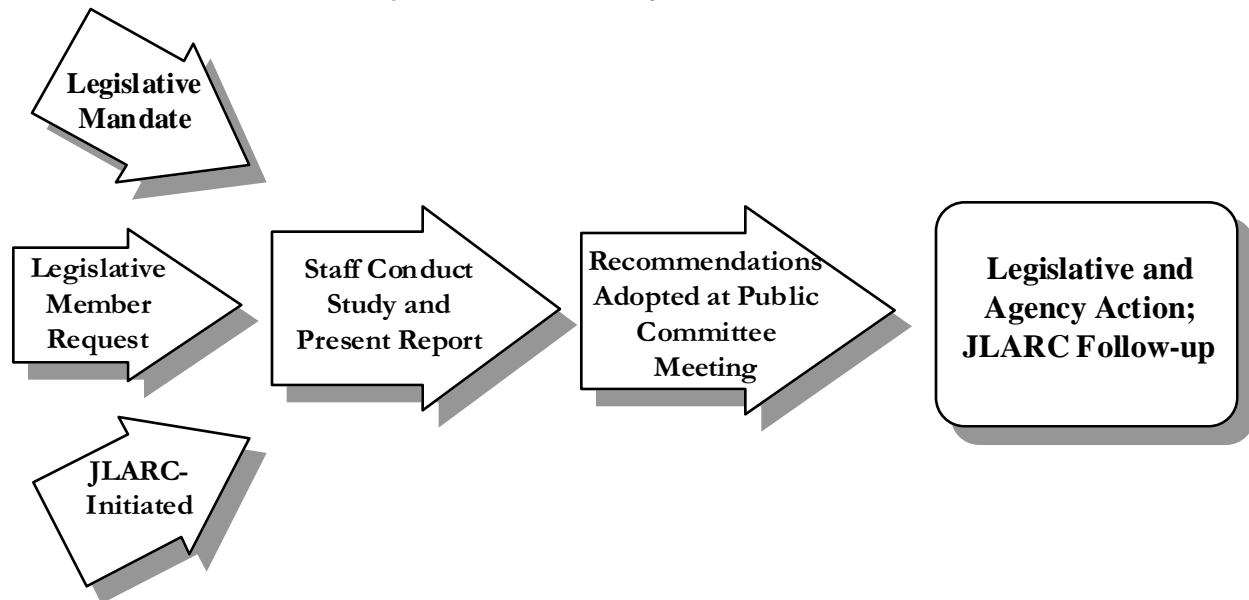
Under the direction of the Legislative Auditor, committee staff conduct performance audits and other kinds of studies aimed at making better use of state resources and public tax dollars. Reports typically include recommendations for significant policy and fiscal changes that would improve the operation of state programs. The Legislative Auditor also has a major role in establishing an effective performance measurement system which relates to implementing performance budgeting in state government.

JLARC recommends action to the legislature and the executive branch, sponsors legislation, and reviews the status of implementation of committee recommendations. Its work is formally incorporated into the legislative process, with recommendations often enacted into law and impacting public policy.

Economic Development

Employment

Mission Statement

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) conducts objective performance audits, program evaluations, special studies, and sunset reviews on behalf of the legislature and the citizens of the state of Washington. The committee makes recommendations to the legislature and state agencies that should result in cost savings and/or improved performance in state government.

Capital Planning

K-12 Education

JLARC Study Process

Legislative Mandate

Legislative Member Request

JLARC-Initiated

Staff Conduct Study and Present Report

Recommendations Adopted at Public Committee Meeting

Legislative and Agency Action; JLARC Follow-up

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Criteria for Establishing JLARC Work Program Priorities

✧ **Is study consistent with JLARC mission? Is it mandated?**

✧ **Is this an area of significant fiscal or program impact, a major policy issue facing the state, or otherwise of compelling public interest?**

✧ **Will there likely be substantive findings and recommendations?**

✧ **Is this the best use of JLARC resources? For example:**

    ↬ Is the JLARC the most appropriate agency to perform the work?

    ↬ Would the study be nonduplicating?

    ↬ Would this study be cost-effective compared to other projects (e.g., larger, more substantive studies take longer and cost more, but might also yield more useful results)?

✧ **Is funding available to carry out the project ?**

Also see chapter 288, laws of 1996 on considerations for a performance audit.   1/30/97